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Summary of Revised Estimates - January 1955 to June 1956

More accurate estimates of commercial poultry slaughter have been developed through the application of improved statistical procedures for assembling and analyzing data provided to the Department of Agriculture by poultry slaughter plants. The weekly reports currently issued by the Department incorporate these improvements. To make the current reports more useful, revised weekly estimates for January 1955 through June 1956 are presented herewith. These data are directly comparable with the estimates now being issued.

Table 1.--Estimated commercial poultry slaughter, live weight, United States, by weeks, 1955^{1/}

| Week ending | Chickens | | | Turkeys | | | | | Other poultry | | All poultry |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Young, all | Hens and cocks | Total | Fryer- roasters | Heavy breeds | | Light breed hens and toms | Total | Ducks | Geese | |
| | | | | | Hens | Toms | | | | | |
| | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds |
| Jan. 7 | 53,717 | 5,983 | 59,700 | 355 | 258 | 3,911 | 209 | 4,733 | 147 | 2 | 64,582 |
| 14 | 63,038 | 6,017 | 69,055 | 617 | 179 | 2,967 | 312 | 4,075 | 150 | 2/ | 73,280 |
| 21 | 67,176 | 5,205 | 72,381 | 577 | 186 | 2,707 | 215 | 3,685 | 152 | 2/ | 76,219 |
| 28 | 63,691 | 5,270 | 68,961 | 458 | 224 | 2,381 | 146 | 3,209 | 141 | 2/ | 72,311 |
| Feb. 4 | 59,514 | 6,227 | 65,741 | 420 | 193 | 1,564 | 192 | 2,369 | 150 | 2/ | 68,260 |
| 11 | 58,273 | 7,004 | 65,277 | 538 | 198 | 712 | 266 | 1,714 | 146 | 2/ | 67,137 |
| 18 | 61,768 | 6,214 | 67,982 | 964 | 147 | 784 | 213 | 2,108 | 133 | 2/ | 70,223 |
| 25 | 63,002 | 5,431 | 68,433 | 475 | 85 | 476 | 55 | 1,091 | 138 | 2/ | 69,663 |
| Mar. 3 | 62,090 | 5,513 | 67,603 | 811 | 80 | 294 | 281 | 1,466 | 160 | - | 69,230 |
| 10 | 60,442 | 5,530 | 65,972 | 927 | 61 | 513 | 114 | 1,615 | 111 | 2/ | 67,698 |
| 17 | 62,131 | 4,891 | 67,022 | 1,561 | 73 | 265 | 460 | 2,359 | 244 | - | 69,625 |
| 24 | 62,119 | 6,243 | 68,362 | 1,963 | 100 | 190 | 298 | 2,551 | 220 | 2/ | 71,133 |
| 31 | 63,313 | 6,623 | 69,936 | 1,954 | 210 | 192 | 448 | 2,804 | 314 | - | 73,054 |
| Apr. 7 | 61,930 | 5,066 | 66,996 | 968 | 238 | 77 | 146 | 1,429 | 408 | 2/ | 68,833 |
| 14 | 69,927 | 5,055 | 74,982 | 1,525 | 275 | 148 | 232 | 2,180 | 481 | 2/ | 77,643 |
| 21 | 72,835 | 5,955 | 78,790 | 1,471 | 309 | 117 | 391 | 2,288 | 1,261 | 2/ | 82,339 |
| 28 | 67,640 | 6,701 | 74,341 | 1,969 | 712 | 282 | 245 | 3,208 | 1,217 | 2/ | 78,966 |
| May 5 | 71,040 | 8,112 | 79,152 | 1,874 | 884 | 416 | 340 | 3,514 | 1,239 | 2/ | 83,905 |
| 12 | 75,173 | 7,426 | 82,599 | 2,242 | 1,903 | 713 | 473 | 5,331 | 1,443 | - | 89,373 |
| 19 | 72,414 | 7,503 | 79,917 | 1,683 | 2,813 | 791 | 963 | 6,250 | 1,316 | 2/ | 87,483 |
| 26 | 79,427 | 7,792 | 87,219 | 2,477 | 2,822 | 835 | 414 | 6,548 | 1,330 | 2/ | 95,097 |
| June 2 | 69,306 | 7,830 | 77,136 | 1,164 | 3,648 | 665 | 334 | 5,811 | 1,386 | 2/ | 84,332 |
| 9 | 80,908 | 9,531 | 90,439 | 1,464 | 2,986 | 822 | 385 | 5,657 | 1,474 | 2/ | 97,570 |
| 16 | 83,362 | 8,785 | 92,147 | 1,859 | 3,058 | 951 | 714 | 6,582 | 1,374 | - | 100,103 |
| 23 | 80,831 | 10,089 | 90,920 | 1,841 | 3,016 | 705 | 514 | 6,076 | 1,416 | 4 | 98,416 |
| 30 | 85,061 | 11,009 | 96,070 | 2,505 | 2,425 | 1,105 | 294 | 6,329 | 1,396 | - | 103,795 |

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2/ Less than 500 pounds.

This report has been prepared by the Poultry Section, Market Organization and Costs Branch, Marketing Research Division, as a part of a research project on development of the Weekly Commercial Poultry Slaughter Report.

Table 2.--Estimated commercial poultry slaughter, live weight, United States, by weeks, 1955^{1/}

| Week ending | Chickens | | | Turkeys | | | | | Other poultry | | All poultry |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Young, all | Hens and cocks | Total | Fryer- roasters | Heavy breed | | Light breed hens and toms | Total | Ducks | Geese | |
| | | | | | Hens | Toms | | | | | |
| | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds | 1,000 pounds |
| Jan. 8 | 50,266 | 7,925 | 58,191 | 704 | 404 | 4,710 | 229 | 6,047 | 107 | 1 | 64,346 |
| 15 | 50,020 | 8,864 | 58,884 | 869 | 489 | 5,718 | 427 | 5,503 | 108 | 2/ | 64,495 |
| 22 | 43,142 | 7,495 | 50,637 | 1,246 | 449 | 2,665 | 277 | 4,637 | 127 | 3 | 55,404 |
| 29 | 45,612 | 7,235 | 52,847 | 493 | 357 | 1,171 | 167 | 2,188 | 142 | 2/ | 55,177 |
| Feb. 5 | 45,390 | 5,759 | 51,149 | 926 | 174 | 1,217 | 232 | 2,549 | 109 | 2/ | 53,807 |
| 12 | 47,123 | 6,310 | 53,433 | 883 | 293 | 637 | 201 | 2,014 | 106 | 2/ | 55,553 |
| 19 | 45,859 | 4,870 | 50,729 | 1,243 | 302 | 510 | 263 | 2,318 | 100 | 2/ | 53,147 |
| 26 | 46,029 | 4,952 | 50,981 | 748 | 95 | 179 | 104 | 1,126 | 131 | 2/ | 52,238 |
| Mar. 5 | 42,695 | 4,787 | 47,482 | 825 | 117 | 264 | 86 | 1,292 | 167 | 2/ | 48,941 |
| 12 | 42,054 | 4,540 | 46,594 | 1,013 | 157 | 134 | 288 | 1,592 | 126 | 1 | 48,313 |
| 19 | 42,947 | 4,578 | 47,525 | 1,070 | 143 | 106 | 290 | 1,609 | 135 | - | 49,609 |
| 26 | 43,597 | 4,711 | 48,308 | 2,356 | 122 | 47 | 190 | 2,715 | 175 | 2/ | 51,198 |
| Apr. 2 | 45,519 | 6,327 | 51,846 | 3,085 | 263 | 88 | 228 | 3,664 | 158 | 2/ | 55,608 |
| 9 | 47,180 | 6,640 | 53,820 | 2,931 | 276 | 105 | 317 | 3,629 | 697 | - | 58,146 |
| 16 | 48,654 | 5,360 | 54,014 | 2,595 | 150 | 99 | 95 | 2,939 | 1,179 | - | 58,132 |
| 23 | 53,918 | 5,685 | 59,603 | 2,041 | 312 | 112 | 285 | 2,750 | 1,449 | 2/ | 63,802 |
| 30 | 59,387 | 6,118 | 65,505 | 2,360 | 726 | 267 | 287 | 3,640 | 1,379 | 2/ | 70,524 |
| May 7 | 61,564 | 7,563 | 69,127 | 2,238 | 1,136 | 304 | 382 | 4,060 | 1,351 | - | 74,538 |
| 14 | 62,338 | 7,295 | 69,633 | 2,294 | 2,118 | 532 | 468 | 5,442 | 1,426 | 2/ | 76,471 |
| 21 | 62,348 | 7,400 | 69,748 | 2,390 | 2,681 | 636 | 338 | 6,045 | 1,492 | - | 77,285 |
| 28 | 63,935 | 8,133 | 72,068 | 2,193 | 2,853 | 656 | 552 | 6,254 | 1,393 | 2/ | 79,715 |
| June 4 | 56,634 | 7,610 | 64,244 | 1,714 | 3,315 | 812 | 202 | 6,043 | 1,261 | 2/ | 71,548 |
| 11 | 63,962 | 9,193 | 73,155 | 1,669 | 3,116 | 994 | 410 | 6,219 | 1,565 | - | 80,939 |
| 18 | 64,118 | 8,315 | 72,433 | 1,711 | 2,133 | 806 | 446 | 5,156 | 1,645 | 2/ | 79,234 |
| 25 | 65,404 | 7,722 | 73,126 | 2,166 | 1,735 | 868 | 468 | 5,237 | 1,660 | 95 | 80,118 |
| July 2 | 68,443 | 8,346 | 76,789 | 1,970 | 2,057 | 1,220 | 113 | 5,360 | 1,606 | 100 | 83,855 |
| 9 | 57,685 | 7,946 | 65,631 | 954 | 1,040 | 927 | 305 | 3,226 | 1,260 | 106 | 70,223 |
| 16 | 64,498 | 11,157 | 75,655 | 1,298 | 1,848 | 1,611 | 929 | 5,686 | 1,767 | 101 | 83,209 |
| 23 | 61,460 | 14,462 | 75,922 | 1,902 | 2,180 | 1,258 | 826 | 6,166 | 1,553 | 86 | 83,727 |
| 30 | 61,709 | 13,710 | 75,419 | 1,421 | 2,395 | 2,720 | 943 | 7,479 | 1,454 | 2/ | 84,352 |
| Aug. 6 | 61,776 | 14,324 | 76,100 | 1,580 | 3,464 | 1,454 | 725 | 7,223 | 1,430 | 66 | 84,819 |
| 13 | 62,951 | 13,702 | 76,653 | 1,817 | 4,456 | 2,870 | 743 | 9,886 | 1,468 | 96 | 88,103 |
| 20 | 61,373 | 12,988 | 74,361 | 1,940 | 4,597 | 3,889 | 759 | 11,185 | 1,331 | 100 | 86,977 |
| 27 | 64,039 | 10,813 | 74,852 | 1,965 | 6,225 | 5,929 | 904 | 15,023 | 1,280 | - | 91,155 |
| Sept. 3 | 65,235 | 12,090 | 77,325 | 2,339 | 7,385 | 5,290 | 723 | 15,737 | 1,088 | - | 94,150 |
| 10 | 60,508 | 11,823 | 72,331 | 2,216 | 6,282 | 7,293 | 830 | 16,621 | 1,016 | 97 | 90,065 |
| 17 | 64,814 | 15,591 | 80,405 | 2,506 | 9,087 | 8,765 | 1,123 | 21,481 | 1,091 | 104 | 103,081 |
| 25 | 66,033 | 14,198 | 80,231 | 2,093 | 9,806 | 10,290 | 1,000 | 23,189 | 967 | 96 | 104,483 |
| Oct. 1 | 68,408 | 15,772 | 84,180 | 2,701 | 9,401 | 11,079 | 1,495 | 24,676 | 941 | 105 | 109,902 |
| 8 | 69,150 | 17,780 | 86,930 | 2,389 | 11,039 | 15,101 | 2,214 | 30,743 | 746 | 95 | 118,513 |
| 15 | 67,518 | 17,901 | 85,419 | 3,025 | 12,291 | 20,368 | 1,871 | 37,555 | 648 | 85 | 123,707 |
| 22 | 66,771 | 17,949 | 84,720 | 2,226 | 12,164 | 22,025 | 1,360 | 37,741 | 526 | 110 | 123,097 |
| 29 | 71,150 | 18,997 | 90,147 | 2,589 | 12,069 | 24,744 | 1,525 | 40,927 | 418 | 164 | 131,656 |
| Nov. 5 | 69,979 | 19,945 | 89,924 | 2,006 | 10,949 | 28,137 | 1,489 | 42,581 | 311 | 289 | 133,105 |
| 12 | 64,896 | 18,555 | 83,451 | 2,470 | 13,755 | 30,765 | 1,278 | 48,268 | 274 | 263 | 132,256 |
| 19 | 57,157 | 15,165 | 72,322 | 3,332 | 16,897 | 35,446 | 2,241 | 55,916 | 276 | 272 | 128,786 |
| 26 | 38,155 | 10,528 | 48,683 | 1,786 | 8,678 | 20,784 | 1,140 | 32,388 | 228 | 112 | 81,411 |
| Dec. 3 | 57,902 | 10,421 | 68,323 | 1,929 | 8,955 | 28,158 | 1,208 | 40,250 | 173 | 212 | 108,963 |
| 10 | 61,524 | 11,505 | 73,029 | 2,045 | 10,596 | 27,930 | 2,022 | 42,593 | 190 | 116 | 115,926 |
| 17 | 61,248 | 10,373 | 71,621 | 2,438 | 8,379 | 25,618 | 2,095 | 38,530 | 197 | 127 | 110,475 |
| 24 | 49,097 | 9,688 | 58,785 | 1,406 | 4,350 | 12,024 | 1,867 | 19,647 | 191 | 28 | 78,651 |
| 31 | 49,790 | 6,257 | 56,047 | 734 | 898 | 6,557 | 322 | 8,511 | 143 | 16 | 64,717 |

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